

May 31, 2005

Ref: 2234-20672

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A  
Robulus L Zone, Reservoir B  
NORTH TURTLE BAYOU FIELD  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration  
L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration L.L.C.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A and Robulus L Sand, Reservoir B, North Turtle Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

**Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 740 acres for the Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CIB O RA SUA, North Turtle Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached revised plat;
2. The Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A in the North Turtle Bayou Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 13,520 feet and 14,740 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Standard Oil Production Company-Continental Land & Fur Co., Inc. B No. 1 Well, located in Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

**Robulus L Zone, Reservoir B**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 740 acres for the Robulus L Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the ROBU L RB SUA, North Turtle Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached revised plat;
2. The Robulus L Zone, Reservoir B in the North Turtle Bayou is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 14,380 feet and 15,365 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Sohio Petroleum Company-

Continental Land & Fur Co., Inc. No. 1 Well, located in Section 13,  
Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

For the above Zones

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 21, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc. presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. As a result of a compromise between the parties, the configuration of the boundary lines are revised and the acreage in the unit is increased from 675 acres to 740 acres for the CIB O RA SUA and the configuration of the boundary lines are revised and the acreage in the unit remains at 740 acres for the ROBU L RB SUA. As a result of the change for the ROBU L RB SUA, the definition for the U ROBU L RA SUA is now defined in the ROBU L RB SUA. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

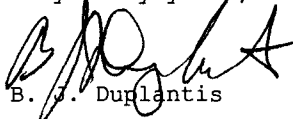
Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the CIB O RA SUA and ROBU L RB SUA, North Turtle Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc., 1101 S. Hugh Wallis Rd., Suite 101, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,  
Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

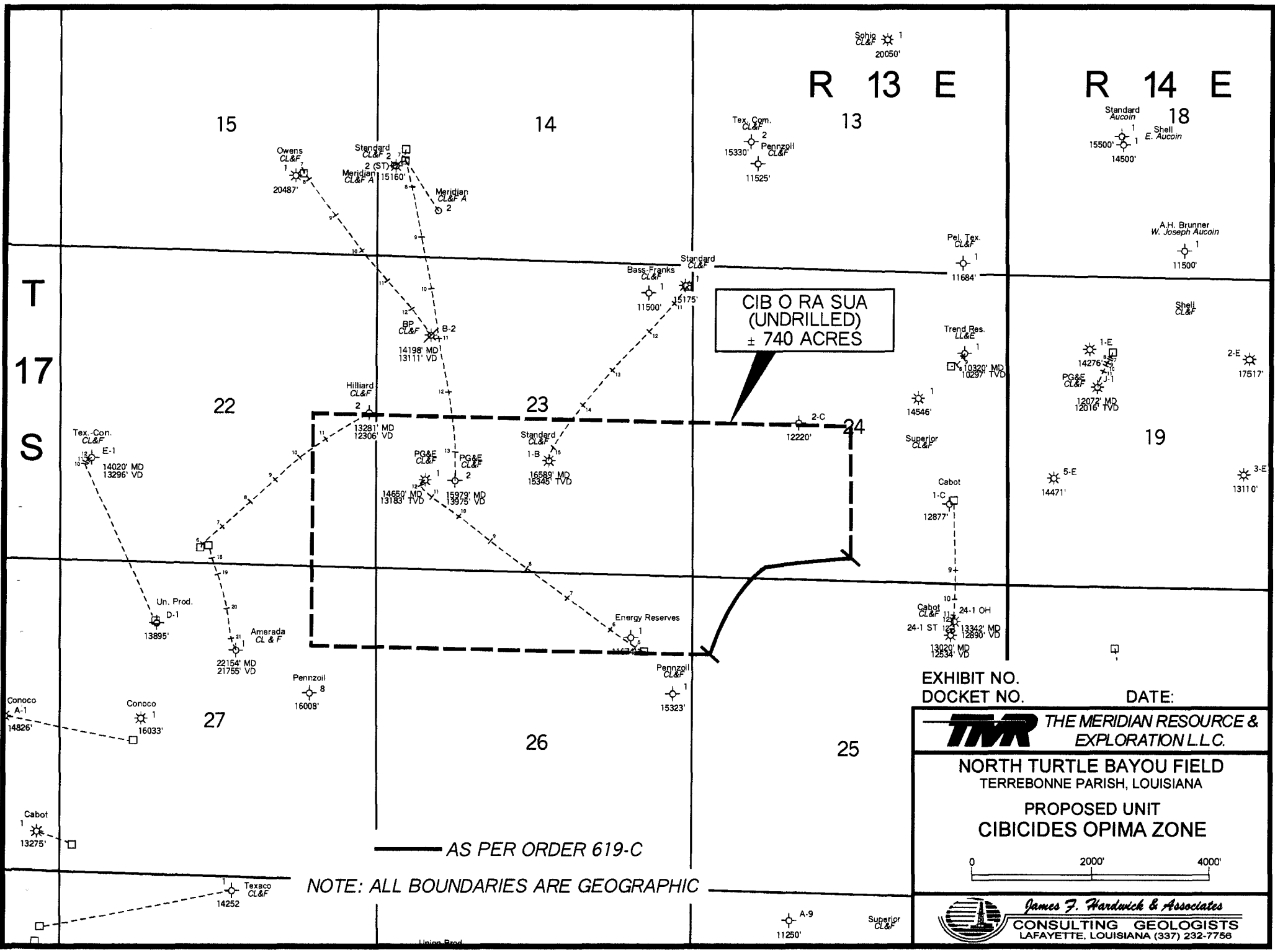


EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**TMR** THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION L.L.C.

**NORTH TURTLE BAYOU FIELD**  
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED UNIT**  
**CIBICIDES OPIMA ZONE**

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